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Books Received.

N. D. Thompson & Co., of St. Louis, have recently published a valuable work on the race question by Rev. J. J. Pipkin. The volume bears the title "The Negro in Revelation, in History and in Citizenship," and presents a comprehensive view of the work of the black race in arms, art, letters, the pulpit, the forum, the school and the marts of trade. Gen. John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the confederate veterans and one of the great men of the south, has written an introduction to the work after acquainting himself with the contents of the book. It is written to show what the members of his race can accomplish "with those mighty weapons in the battle of life, the shovel and the hoe." It is advertised as a message to all the members of the negro race who are trying to solve the race problem for themselves. The price in cloth is \$2.00; in half Russia, \$2.75.

THE WEEK AT WASHINGTON

A movement is on foot to render aid to congressmen in regard to much of the routine work that they have now to accomplish by the appointment of a special agent at Washington that shall be invested with proper authority and power to prosecute the executive business of the state before the government departments. Nebraska, especially, is said to be in pressing need of such a representative.

Memorial services were held in the house on Sunday, February 8, in commemoration of the late Senator William J. Sewall and the late Representative Joshua S. Salmon of New Jersey. Mr. Parker of New Jersey presided.

A sensation was caused recently by the announcement that the oil magnate, John D. Rockefeller, had sent to several senators telegrams appealing to them to oppose all anti-trust legislation at this time. It is believed that the president will call an extra session of congress unless "satisfactory" anti-trust legislation is enacted.

On February 7 the house passed an anti-trust bill by a unanimous vote. As passed, the bill requires corporations "hereafter organized" to file returns covering their articles of incorporation, financial composition, condition, etc., with the interstate commerce commission, on penalty of being prevented from engaging in interstate commerce; prescribes penalties for false returns, etc.

Some discussion arose in the house on February 9 regarding the validity of the business done in the house on the day before, which was Sunday, when the conference report on the department of commerce bill was presented. Speaker Henderson held that it was regular, but this opinion was overruled by the house.

The republican senatorial advocates of a compromise statehood bill have prepared their measure for the admission of the two states, Oklahoma and Indian territory, to comprise one state and Arizona and New Mexico the other. This bill is to be brought before the committee on territories as soon as possible.

During the discussion of the sundry civil appropriation bill in the house on February 11 several amendments were introduced for the completion of the east front of the capitol and the erection of an office building for the members, the total cost of which is estimated at \$3,100,000 and the completion of the capitol to be put at \$2,500,000. Both these amendments were adopted and a commission appointed to supervise the work of erection.

It is regarded as probable that Captain Charles D. Sigsbee, who was in command of the battleship Maine when she was destroyed in the harbor of Havana, will be assigned to duty as commandant of the navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., to succeed Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, who will take charge of the Philippine squadron of the Atlantic fleet.

The conference on the bill providing for a department of commerce was agreed to in the senate on February 11 and the bill now goes to the president. This law will make the appointment of another cabinet officer necessary.

On February 11 the court of claims rendered a decision of far-reaching importance to the naval establishment and if this decision is sustained by the supreme court it will affect every court-martial case tried during the past forty years in which the sentence involved a loss of pay. The decision was based on the broad ground that the accused should be furnished with a copy of the charges and specifications on which he is to be tried and this practice has not been followed in these cases heretofore.

By a vote of 241 to 6 the Elkins bill prohibiting rebates to shippers passed the house on February 13, and it was intimated that with the passage of this measure the anti-trust legislation for this session is complete.

The Jefferson Memorial.
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Wants to Know.

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